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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 3, line 1, delete "either" and "or claim 2".

In claim 4, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 3" with -claim 1--.

In claim 5, line 1, replace "any one of claims 1 to 4 with -claim 1--.

Add the following new claims:

--7. An ion exchange material according to claim 2 wherein the ion exchange medium is in the form of a bead, resin, fibre, foam, liquid or other convenient form.

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